

Guarantee Seen as First Necessity of Trans-Persian Line

Interesting Letter from Merchant Familiar with Territory

**to be Traversed—Proposed
Route Unsatisfactory.**

London, July 3.—An interesting

contribution to the Trans-Persian railway question is provided by a letter to the press written by H. F. B. Lynch, senior partner of a firm of eastern merchants, and a man who has travelled extensively in the country. He writes that the railway needs neither of Persia nor of Great Britain. Unless British trade is to be swept out of northern and central Persia, the trunk railway will have to be joined up with the Black Sea on the north, through Tabriz and with the head of the Persian gulf on the south.

ries of the middle east; for scientific, political and commercial purposes. Mr. Lynch was responsible for the inauguration of a new river service under the British flag on the Karun river, and for the survey and subsequent opening to traffic of a new

Though, he writes, the projected railway from Russia across Persia to India raises questions of a strategic and political character, it is not his intention on the present occasion to deal in any way with these. *She is aware of the danger* he professes.

productive districts of the country with the Russian frontier on the one side and the head of the Persian Gulf on the other.

Other Scheme Pushed.

Proposals for a Persian state rail

the aspect of the revenue. The way of this nature, with which he himself in part associated, were laid before the Persian government last year. They provided that the northern section of the line should be financed by Russia and the southern by British capital. After protracted negotiation

Guarantees Needed.

The railway, he points out, could not be built without a guarantee of interest, and as the only revenues appropriate for such a purpose are, so far as he is aware, the customs duties which have been monopolized

The trace of the railway, he under-

stands contemplate a junction with forests of Britain.

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PARTY SYSTEM HAS
LESSENED FREEDOM

A. F. Whyte Declares that Individual Legislators of British House Have Lost Right to Use of Judgment.

Perth, Scotland, July 2.—In an article in a recent issue of the Perthshire Courier, A. F. Whyte, Liberal member for Perth, deploras the manner in which the party system has come gradually to deprive the debates

After referring with regret to the congestion of business, which causes measures to be rushed through without proper discussion, he goes on to point out that rarely, if ever, are any

He also pointed out that the government could not agree to the construction of the embankment proposed, partly on account of its cost, and partly because the banking up of water would result, without undoubtedly raising the level of the Indus at points high

As, he says, it is true of all parties and all governments, it is to the interest of the private member that the question of his individual freedom should be raised against the other question of the right of any government to expect and demand his

"loyal" support to every division on every question. That governments do expect and demand such support is, he argues, proved by the fact that they maintain the organization known as the "whips" in order to enforce their demand.

House of Communism is greater than the government, it is, he declares, high time that members of Parliament took action to end the present system and to substitute for it one which would give them the greater freedom which is their inalienable

right without reducing the "aiders" on Parliament to the chaos of "each man for himself."

Thus, when members have been elected in support of a definite government programme, the government has a right to demand their allegiance, the responsibilities of that programme.

...gramme are challenged, but when, say, the House goes into committee on the details of one of the government measures, the member should have the right to express his opinion with perfect independence on the details of such measure.


In this way unilluminating discussion would regain its former atmosphere of reality, and "the most arrogant minister" would be compelled to rely on the merits of his proposals and the soundness of his own advocacy of them.

A cartoon illustration of a man with a large nose and a woman looking at a large bowl of soup. The man is on the left, looking towards the bowl. The woman is on the right, looking towards the bowl. The bowl is large and filled with soup. The background is simple.



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